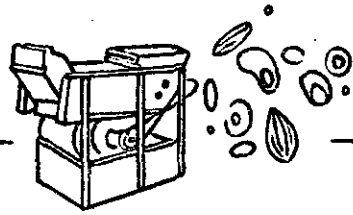


Seed Crops



VEGETABLE SEED STOCKS REPORT

August 16, 1967

Carryover of Vegetable Seeds Down 6 Percent From Last Year

Stocks of 43 kinds and types of vegetable seeds held by dealers on June 30, 1967 totaled 86,400,000 pounds, 6 percent less than last year and 8 percent below the 1961-65 average, according to a nationwide survey made by the Crop Reporting Board. Decreases from last year were reported for 24 different kinds of seeds, increases were reported for 17 kinds and stocks of 2 kinds of seed--non-sweet corn and winter squash--were the same as last year.

Stocks of wrinkled peas, at 34,696,000 pounds, made up 40 percent of the total stocks of vegetable seeds. Wrinkled pea stocks were 33 percent below last year's level and 22 percent below average. The decreases in these stocks accounted for most of the decline in total vegetable seed stocks.

Percentage declines were largest for stocks of broccoli, cucumber, kale, mustard, parsnips, salsify, and rutabaga, each less than 75 percent of last year. Stocks were more than double last year for bush green pod beans. Increases of more than 50 percent from last year were reported for bush wax beans, garden beets, cabbage, and leek.

Compared with the 1961-65 averages, stocks this year were smaller for 25 items and larger for 18 items. Stocks less than 70 percent of average were bush lima beans, pole lima beans, celery, kale, heading lettuce, turnips, and rutabagas. Stocks of garden beets were more than triple the average. Increases of between 50 and 91 percent were noted for bush wax pod beans, swiss chard, endive, and parsley.

The Government has held no commercial stocks of any of the vegetable seeds listed in this survey since 1955. Stocks held by dealers are given in the table on the reverse side. Detailed information by kinds and groups is given in another report available upon request.

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STOCKS OF VEGETABLE SEEDS ON JUNE 30, 1962-67 AND 5-YEAR (1961-65) AVERAGE

K i n d	Average:	1962 :	1963 :	1964 :	1965 :	1966 :	1967
	1961-65:						
----- Thousand pounds -----							
Beans, Bush Green Pod	11,530	14,216	13,904	13,073	7,641	6,418	14,846
Beans, Bush Wax Pod	1,659	1,078	2,475	2,948	1,214	1,448	2,570
Beans, Pole	2,418	2,750	2,209	2,112	2,209	2,740	2,564
Beans, Bush Lima	3,586	2,710	5,439	4,939	2,518	902	988
Beans, Pole Lima	315	293	324	364	243	190	143
Beet, Garden	451	590	409	185	261	982	1,668
Broccoli	138	142	141	124	159	256	129
Cabbage	611	746	595	387	410	362	660
Carrot	705	585	622	678	1,023	1,096	899
Cauliflower	1/74	72	84	1/83	60	62	57
Celery	62	66	58	61	40	55	42
Chard, Swiss	75	72	61	22	131	106	128
Corn, Sweet Hybrids	6,335	4,353	7,568	8,555	7,249	5,772	5,139
Corn, Sweet, Open-pollinated	953	928	749	977	937	715	846
Corn, Non-sweet	889	1,000	751	849	669	3/77	77
Cucumber	677	510	416	756	1,147	930	656
Eggplant	13	18	15	10	9	9	12
Endive	66	70	52	33	79	97	102
Kale	91	100	94	95	122	93	59
Kohlrabi	12	15	13	14	8	10	13
Leek	6	9	5	2	3	5	8
Lettuce, Heading	723	720	813	562	466	520	474
Lettuce, Loose-Leaf	134	107	108	204	157	143	158
Lettuce, Romaine	26	34	28	22	32	26	30
Muskmelon & Cantaloupe	362	255	386	413	401	418	419
Watermelon	2/499	300	452	579	666	534	530
Mustard	400	424	352	366	367	415	292
Okra	289	229	273	341	317	281	233
Onion Seed	529	659	598	439	324	377	539
Parsley	66	56	37	39	95	138	126
Parsnip	52	33	38	57	69	60	42
Peas, Smooth	10,751	5,357	7,472	19,841	14,983	9,548	13,042
Peas, Wrinkled	44,671	14,284	66,797	73,166	47,677	52,095	34,696
Pepper	170	186	168	144	177	134	121
Pumpkin	109	80	136	126	117	112	88
Radish	2,060	1,917	2,393	2,194	1,781	2,177	1,630
Salsify	9	1	9	15	19	16	8
Spinach	605	702	633	512	567	863	794
Squash, Summer	427	461	406	412	450	377	391
Squash, Winter	174	154	164	197	165	136	136
Tomato	365	334	402	374	352	333	293
Turnip	1,188	1,623	1,159	1,005	1,257	765	698
Rutabaga	122	108	161	113	102	76	54
Grand Total	94,297	58,347	118,969	137,388	96,673	91,869	86,400

1/ Revised. 2/ Short-time average. 3/ Prior to 1966 this total included mostly dent corn.